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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF PHALANGE POLITBURO MEMBER IBRAHIM  
NAJJAR ON THE CURRENT SITUATION

1. EMBOFF MET AUGUST 8 WITH PHALANGE POLITBURO MEMBER  
IBRAHIM NAJJAR AT LATTER'S HOUSE IN BAABDAT. BEGINNING  
BY READING FROM WRITTEN NOTES, NAJJAR SAID BOTH PHALANGE  
AND LIBERAL PARTIES BELIEVED UNITED STATES WAS SELLING  
OUT CHRISTIANS AND ABANDONING THEM TO MASSACRE BY  
SYRIANS FOR SAKE OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE. NAJJAR ALSO  
DERIDED PRESIDENT SARKIS AT LENGTH AND MADE THE STANDARD  
ALLEGATION THAT THE UNITED STATES BY NOT SUPPORTING THE  
CHRISTIANS WAS PAVING THE WAY FOR SOVIET DOMINATION OF  
LEBANON. NAJJAR WARNED THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD  
NOT COUNT ON SPLITTING THE CHRISTIANS. BACHIR GEMAYEL  
AND CAMILLE CHAMOUN HAVE DIFFERENCES. WITH OTHER CHRISTIAN  
LEADERS, BUT THESE DIFFERENCES ARE MINOR. IN THE FACE OF THE  
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SYRIANS, "WE ARE UNITED."

2. NAJJAR DENIED VIGOROUSLY THAT RESTRAINT ON THE PART  
OF THE MILITIAS IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET THE SYRIAN  
TO LEAVE LEBANON. THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS WERE GOING  
TO CONTINUE TO "RESIST" WHATEVER THE UNITED STATES  
SAID. WHEN THE U.S. COUNSELLED RESTRAINT, NAJJAR SAID,

THE CHRISTIANS DID NOT BEHAVE MORE MODERATELY AND ONLY THOUGHT THE U.S. WAS TRYING TO SELL THEM OUT.

3. ASKED WHAT MEASURES COULD BE TAKEN TO SETTLE THE CURRENT SITUATION, NAJJAR REPLIED THAT: (A) ISRAEL SHOULD DELIVER HEAVIER WEAPONS TO THE PHALANGES ("SO THAT WE CAN GET THE TOWERS"); (B) ISRAELI GET AIRCRAFT SHOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF THEIR OVER-FLIGHTS OVER LEBANON; AND (C) FIGHTING SHOULD BE PROVOKED BETWEEN THE VARIOUS PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE FACTIONS HOSTILE TO THE CHRISTIANS. IN A VARIATION OF HIS OPENING THEME, NAJJAR CLAIMED THAT THE UNITED STATES, IN PRESSURING ISRAEL NOT TO DELIVER WEAPONS TO THE MILITIAS, WAS SELLING THE CHRISTIANS OUT TO DAMASCUS.

4. NAJJAR ADMITTED THAT CHRISTIAN MILITIAS DID PROVOKE THE SYRIANS FROM TIME TO TIME. HE SAID CHRISTIANS DID "MANY FOOLISH THINGS" AND "OFTEN BEHAVE LIKE BABIES," BUT ONLY BECAUSE "WE ARE AFRAID."

5. COMMENT. NAJJAR IS A LEADING MODERATE IN THE PHALANGE POLITBURO. HIS REMARKS BODE ILL AND SUGGEST CHRISTIAN COMBATIVENESS, NOT COMPROMISE, IS LIKELY. END COMMENT.

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